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Yae no Sakura
Spring, 1865
I WILL BE
MARRYING SOMEONE, HUH..?

JUST WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS MY HUSBAND-TO-BE?
WOULD HE BE SO KIND AS TO LET ME KEEP USING GUNS?
NO, I DON'T THINK ANY MAN WOULD LET HIS WOMAN PLAY WITH A GUN.
AH, THIS IS HARD...
Sigh
JUST BEING LIKE THIS,
STAYING AT HOME WITH MY FAMILY...
IS ALREADY BLISSFUL FOR ME.

S-SHOU-NOSUKE-SAMA...?
D-Don't startle me like that..
Waah!!
SWOOSH
Yae-san!
EH?
grab
WHAT IS IT!?
COME WITH ME FOR A BIT!
fast walk
.....

Vermilion colored lips,
portraying the warmth of a wife.
Chapter 7
Wedding ceremony
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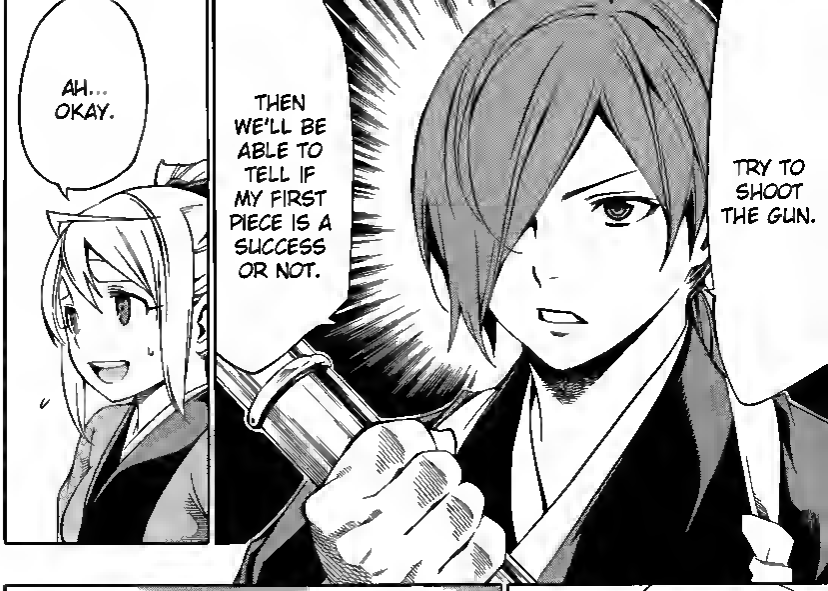
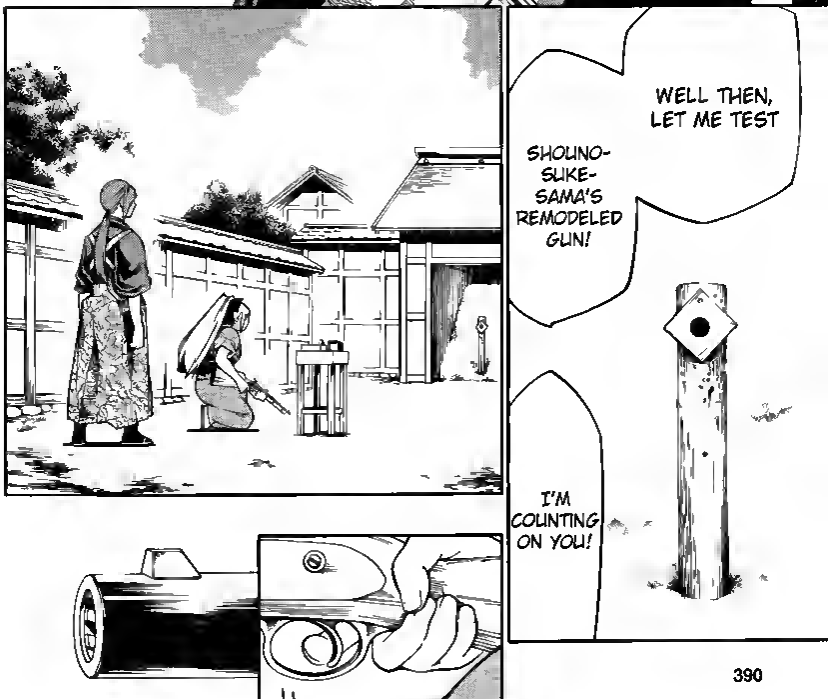
Yae no Sakura
八重の桜

HERE.
--RATULATIONS WOULD STILL BE PREMATURE.
CONG..
IT'S BEEN REMODELED, RIGHT!?
Gasp!


AH... OKAY.
THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL IF MY FIRST PIECE IS A SUCCESS OR NOT.
TRY TO SHOOT THE GUN.


WELL THEN, LET ME TEST SHOUNO-SUKE-SAMA'S REMODELED GUN!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

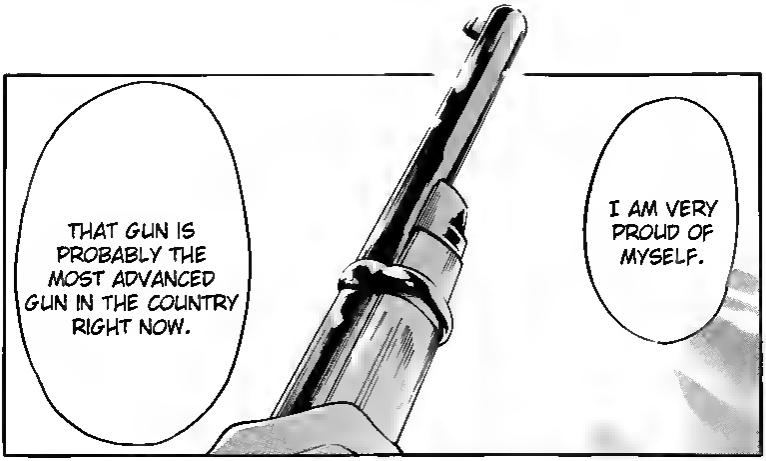
bang
hit
A HIT...
.....

click
Pick
clank
bang
ANOTHER HIT!
hit

bang
bang
bang
bang
snap
Y-YAE-SAN,
IF YOU CONTINUOUSLY SHOOT IT LIKE THAT, THEN THE BARREL WILL OVERHEAT!
SHOUNO-SUKE-SAMA...

IT...
IT FEELS REALLY GREAT~
Shiver
AS I THOUGHT, THE SPIRAL GROOVE ON THE CYLINDER IS INCREASING THE ACCURACY OF THE BULLET!!!
THE BULLET TRAJECTORY IS ALSO VERY STABLE, ALLOWING ME TO HIT THE SAME PLACE EVERY TIME!!!
AND THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO STAND UP EACH TIME WHILE RELOADING!!
WITH BULLETS THAT LOAD THIS QUICKLY, THE GUNS THAT CAME BEFORE IT SEEM FAKE!
KYAHAHA~!!

I-IMPRESSIVE AS ALWAYS, YAE-SAN...
EVEN THE UNNECES-SARY EX-PLANATION
SUCH A WONDERFUL WEAPON..
NOT TO MENTION THAT YOU MADE IT YOURSELF.
I CAN CLEARLY UNDERSTAND
JUST HOW MUCH EFFORT YOU PUT INTO IT!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

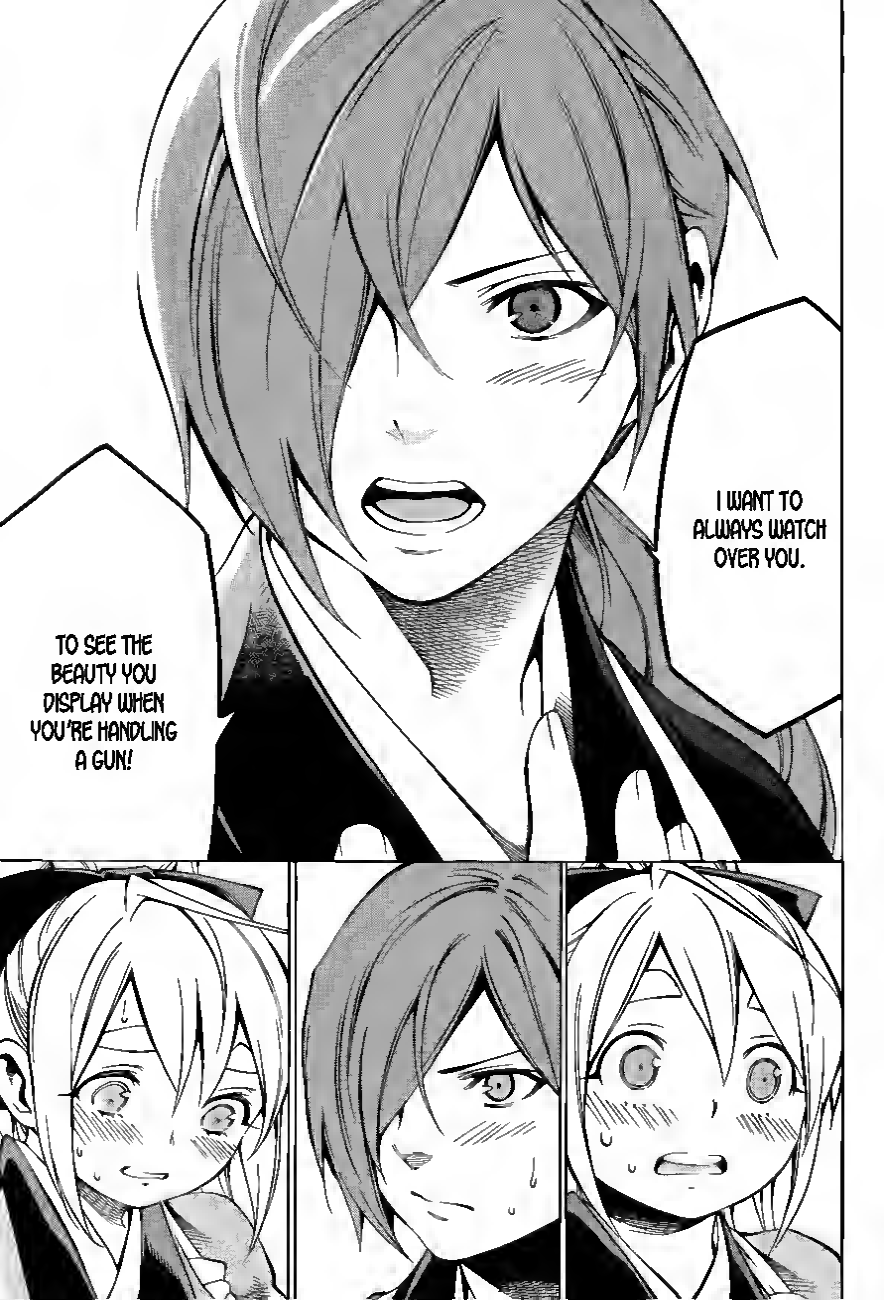

THAT GUN IS PROBABLY THE MOST ADVANCED GUN IN THE COUNTRY RIGHT NOW.
I AM VERY PROUD OF MYSELF.

KAKUMA-SAN, SABUROU-KUN...
AND EVEN YOU, ALWAYS STAYING AT MY SIDE AND HELPING ME TO KEEP GOING FORWARD.
BUT THE POWER BEHIND THE CREATION OF THAT GUN ISN'T MINE ALONE.

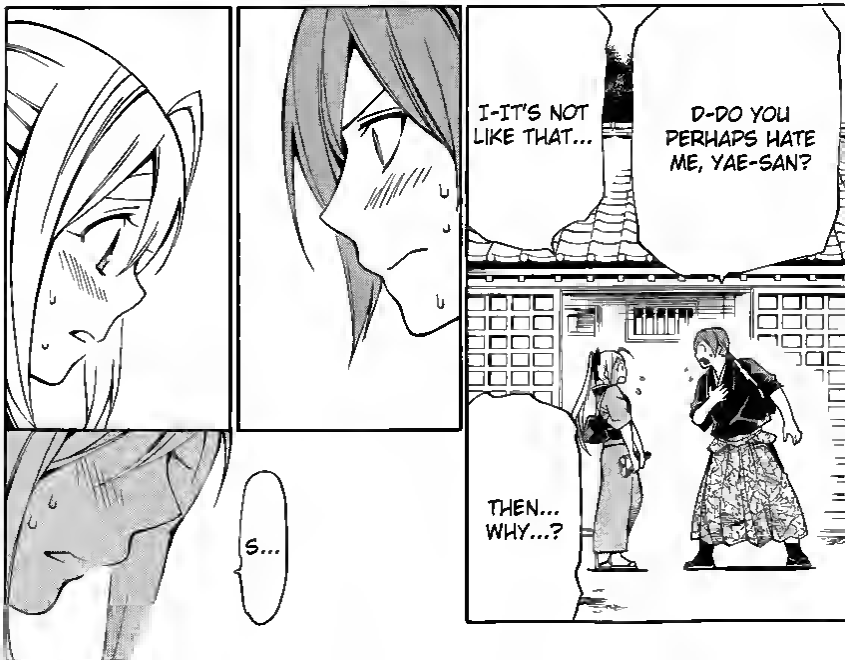
YAE-SAN.
I'M NOT REALLY ...
YOU'RE TOO KIND.

WILL YOU BECOME MY WIFE?

EH ...?
I'M JUST A FREE-LOADER,
AND EVEN WITHOUT A STIPEND, I THINK IT'S REALLY RUDE FOR ME TO ASK FOR YOUR HAND IN MARRIAGE...
EH?
BUT FROM NOW ON,
I WANT YOU TO KEEP SUPPORTING ME
AND MORE.


I WANT TO ALWAYS WATCH OVER YOU.
TO SEE THE BEAUTY YOU DISPLAY WHEN YOU'RE HANDLING A GUN!

ME...
AND SHOUNO-SUKE-SAMA...
HMMMMM
A COUPLE ...?


D-DO YOU PERHAPS HATE ME, YAE-SAN?
I-IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
THEN... WHY...?
S...

SHOUNO-SUKE-SAMA
HAS BEEN LIVING WITH ME SINCE I WAS TWELVE.
IT'S LIKE...
SHOUNOSUKE-SAMA IS MORE LIKE AN OLDER BROTHER TO ME.
AND NOW...
YOU'RE SUDDENLY ASKING ME THAT...
I...
I CAN'T EVEN IMAG--

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WA
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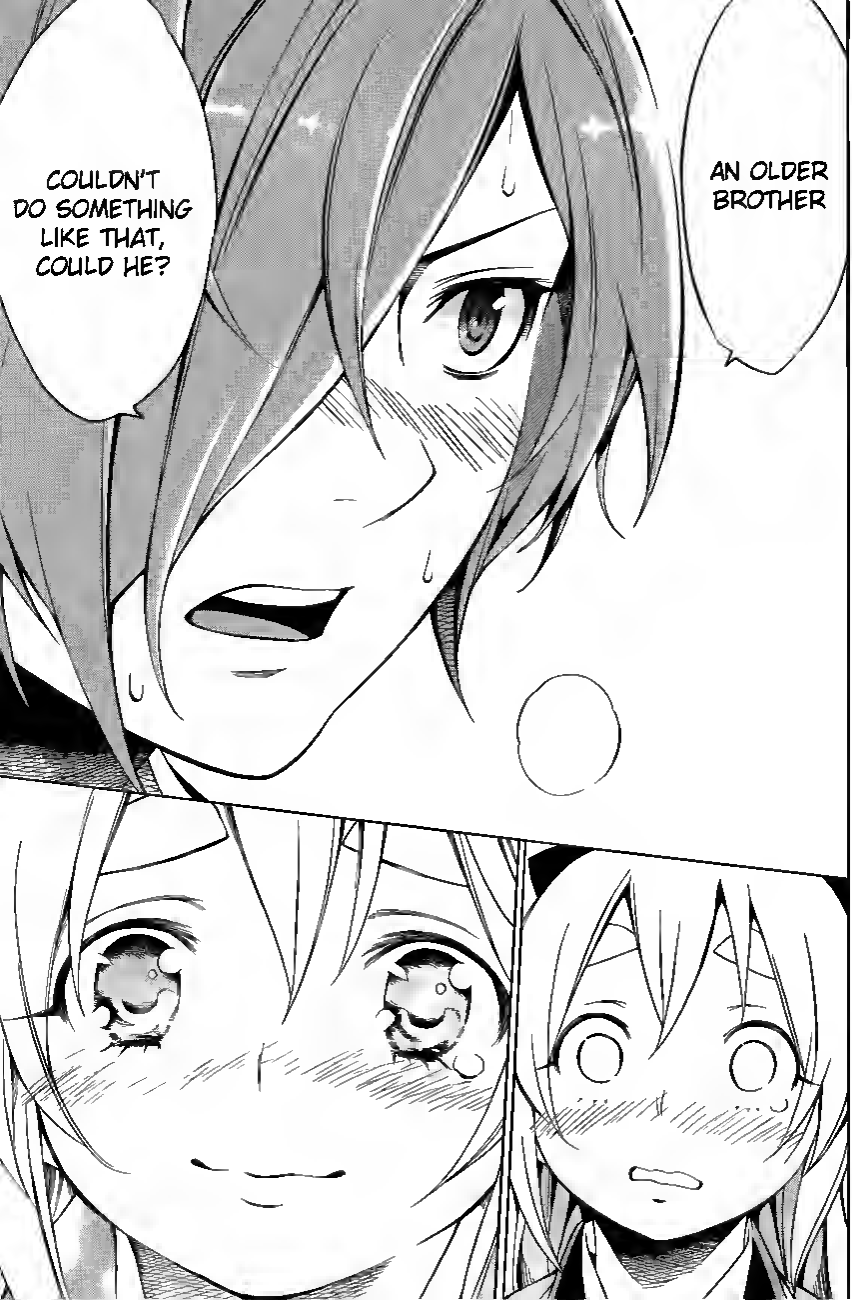
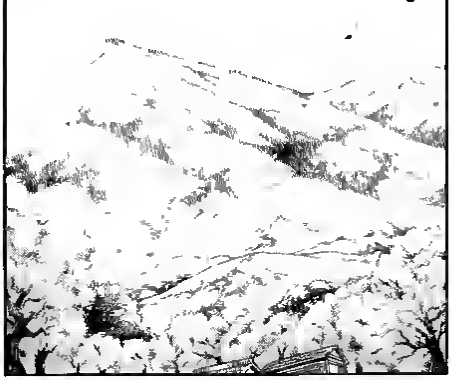
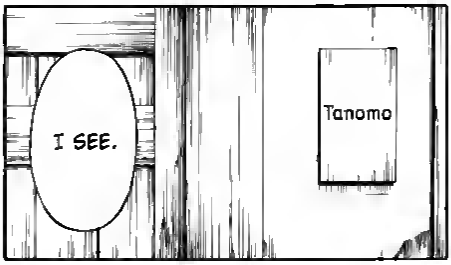
Wa wah wah wah wah!!
Wah!
YAE-SAN.

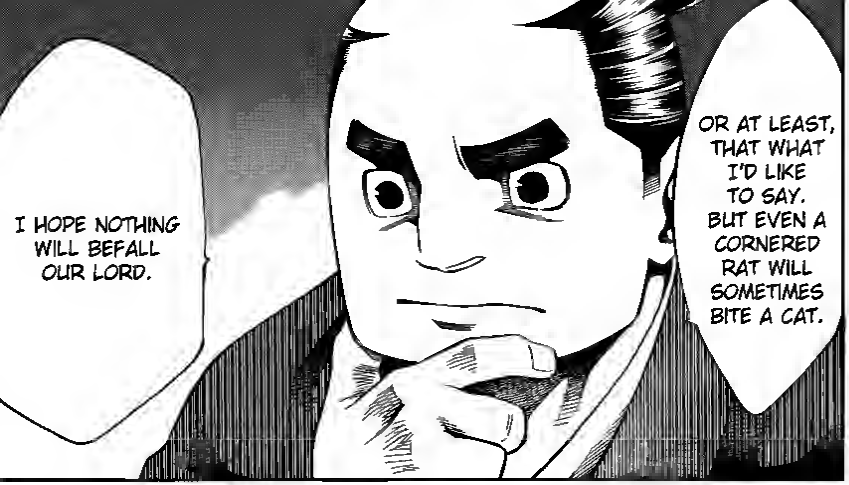

AN OLDER BROTHER
COULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, COULD HE?

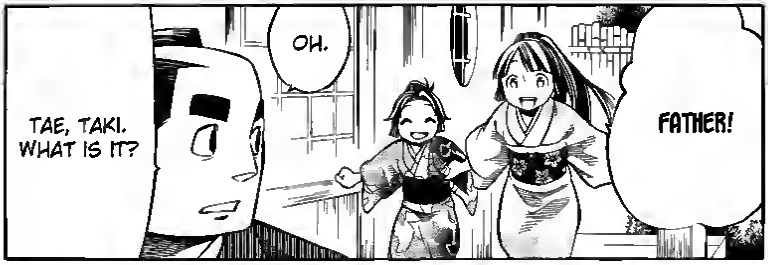


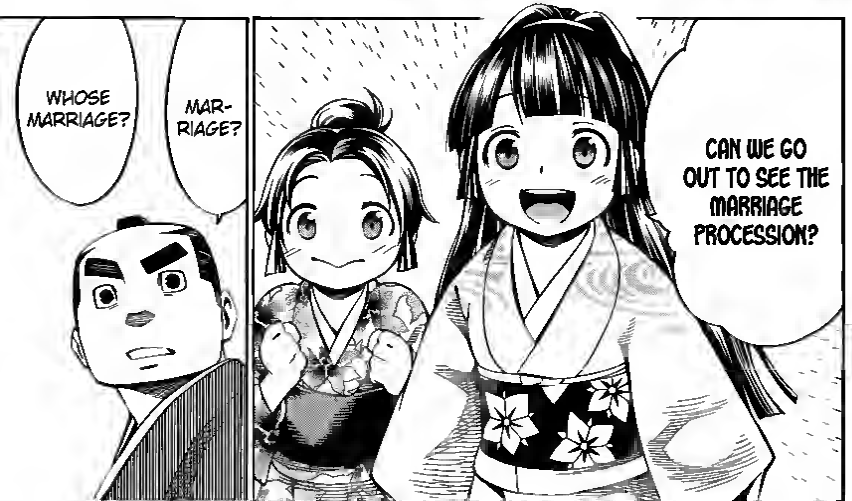

I SEE.
Tanomo

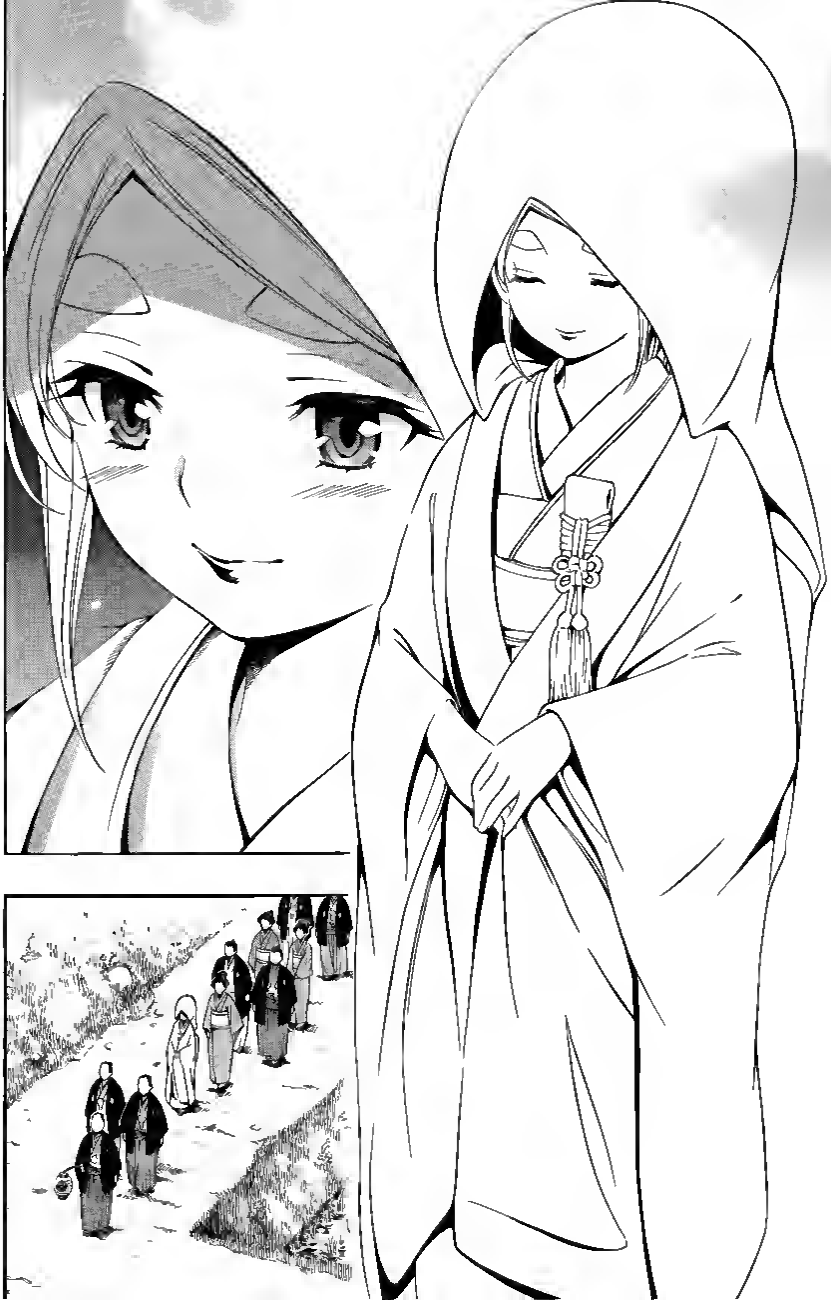
HAS ORDERED THE SUBJUGATION OF CHOUSHUU.
SO THE IMPERIAL GOVERN-MENT
NOW THE CHOUSHUU CAN'T HIDE ANYMORE.

RIGHT...


I HOPE NOTHING WILL BEFALL OUR LORD.
OR AT LEAST, THAT WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY. BUT EVEN A CORNERED RAT WILL SOMETIMES BITE A CAT.


TAE, TAKI. WHAT IS IT?
OH.
FATHER!


WHOSE MARRIAGE?
MAR-RIAGE?
CAN WE GO OUT TO SEE THE MARRIAGE PROCESSION?

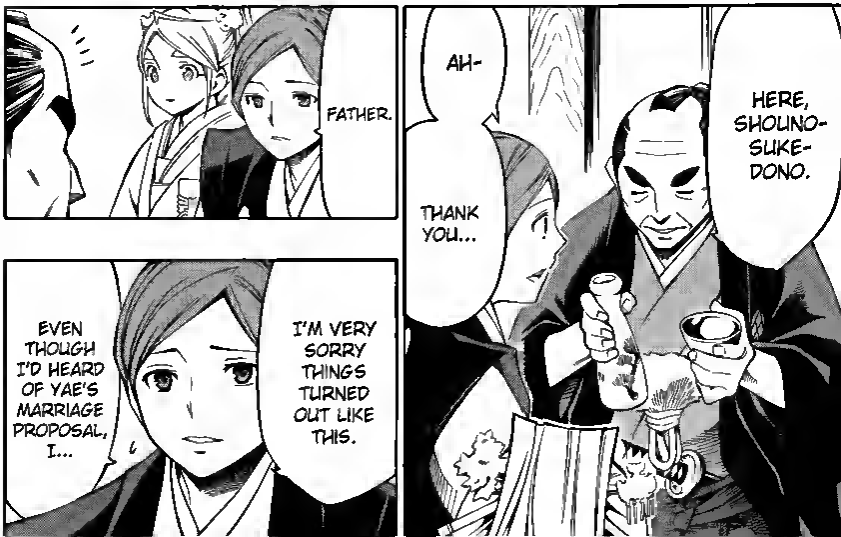


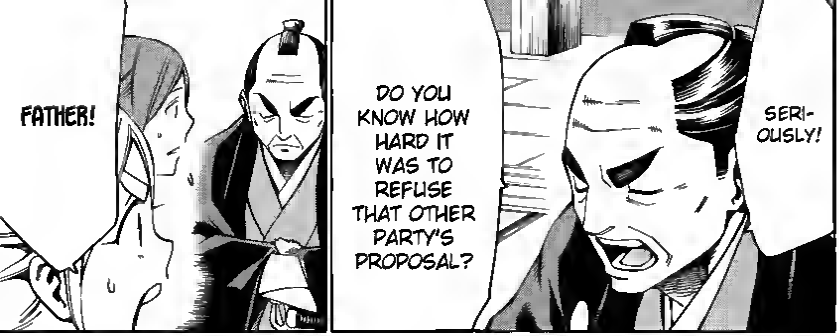
THAT RASCAL FINALLY SETTLED DOWN, HUH?
WAHAHA!
WAAAH~
YAE ONEE-SAMA IS SO BEAUTIFUL!

Ahaha!
WEIRD SUITS HER!
IT'S KIND OF WEIRD.
BUT YAE ONEE-SAMA IS MARRYING KAWASAKI-SAMA, WHO IS BOARDING IN HER HOUSE.
IT FEELS LIKE SHE IS MARRYING INTO HER OWN HOUSE!

UWA AAH ...
MASTER YAE...

chatter
laughter


HERE, SHOUNO-SUKE-DONO.
AH-
THANK YOU...
FATHER.
I'M VERY SORRY THINGS TURNED OUT LIKE THIS.
EVEN THOUGH I'D HEARD OF YAE'S MARRIAGE PROPOSAL, I...


FATHER!
DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS TO REFUSE THAT OTHER PARTY'S PROPOSAL?
SERI-OUSLY!

A WOMAN WHO SHOOTS GUNS, AND A MAN WHO MAKES GUNS...
wahahaha
THERE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE A BETTER MATCH THAN THIS ONE!!
JUST KIDDING.

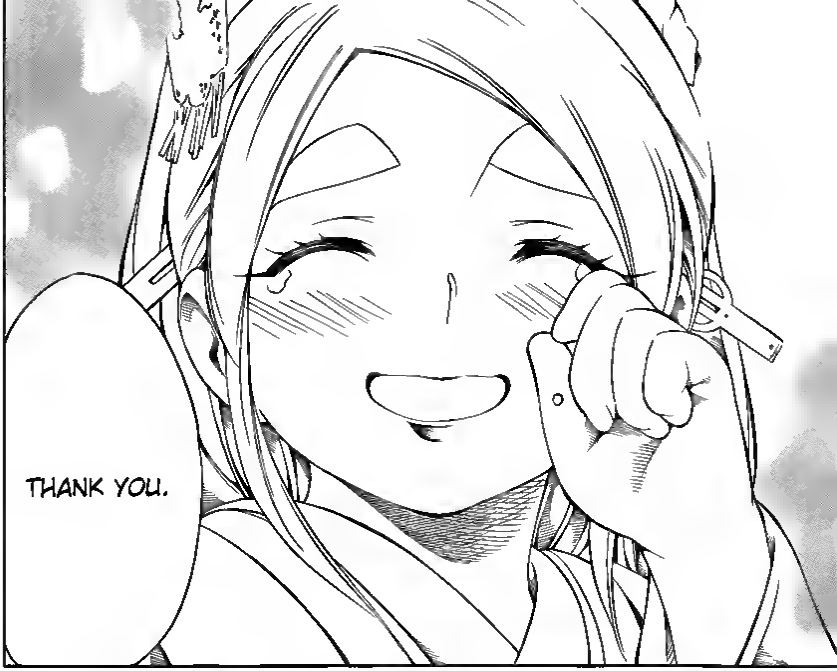
ANE-SAMA.
....
UNDERSTOOD!
DRINK TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT TONIGHT, SHOUNO-SUKE!!

I GUESS THE SAYING "THE CLOTHES MAKE THE WOMAN" IS TRUE AFTER ALL!
I NEVER THOUGHT MY RASCAL, GUN-WIELDING SISTER WOULD LOOK SO FEMININE SOME DAY.
CONGRATU-LATIONS!
SABU-ROU.

Ah!
grind
Oi! Yae!

ker-whack

PLEASE SPARE ME FOR TODAY...
BESIDES, I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE, YOU KNOW...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
NO MATTER WHAT AGE YOU ARE, SABUROU IS STILL SABUROU.
THE FACT THAT YOU'RE 3 YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME WON'T EVER CHANGE.
?
IT'S KIND OF SAD TO THINK THAT I'LL NEVER FEEL THE BRUNT OF YOUR FIST AGAIN.
STILL, I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR YOU...
KAWASAKI YAE-SAMA!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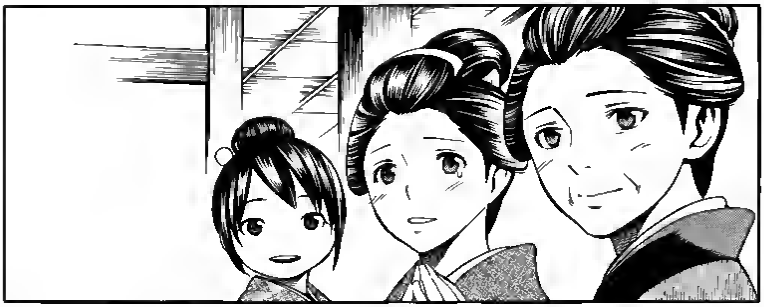
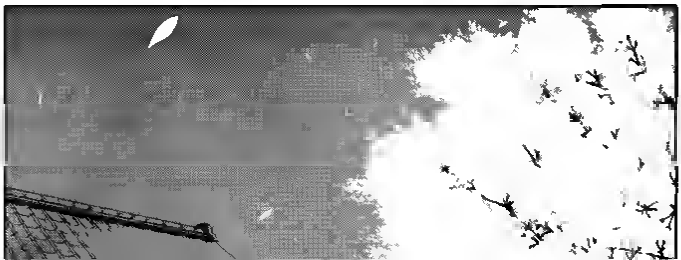
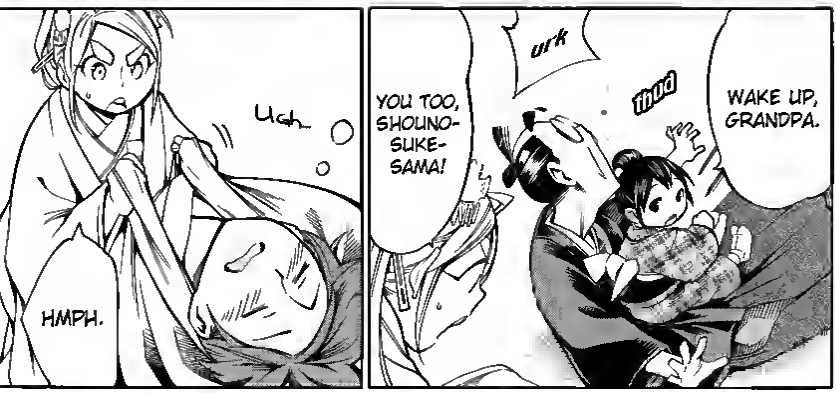
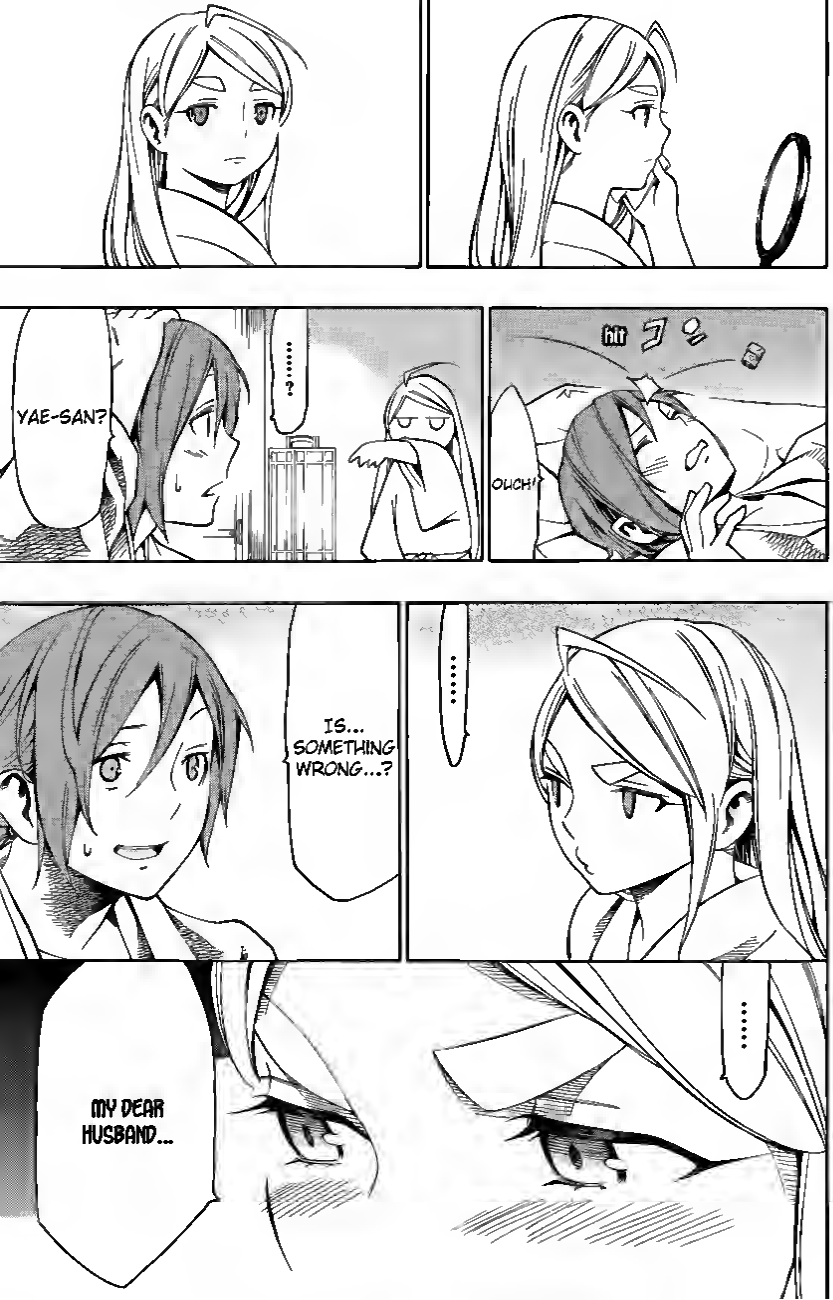





WAKE UP, GRANDPA.
urk
thud
YOU TOO, SHOUNO-SUKE-SAMA!
Uah.
HMPH.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
cleaning sound
YAE-SAN!

walk walk
.....
AS EXPECTED OF YAE-SAN!
WHICH ONE OF THEM IS THE BRIDE ANYWAY...?

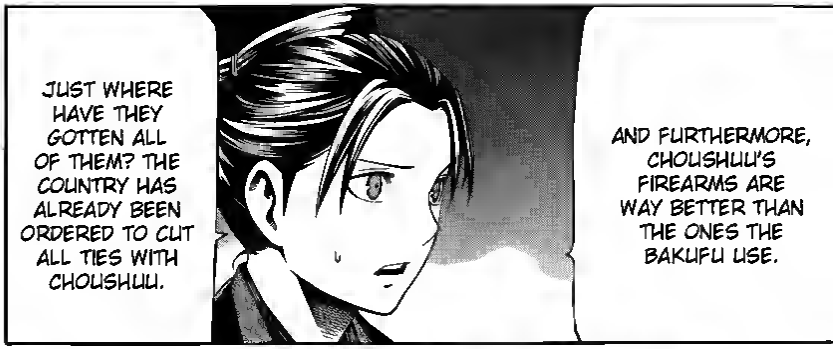

YAE-SAN?
.....?
ouch!
.....
IS... SOMETHING WRONG...?
.....
MY DEAR HUSBAND...

ARE YOU JUST GONNA SLEEP THERE ON THE FLOOR BY YOURSELF?

OF COURSE NOT...
Aizu warrior meeting
Kyoto
KAJIWARA-DONO.
CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING APPOINTED CHIEF RETAINER.

Husband of Ookura's sister, Futaba
Aizu's Chief Retainer, Kajiwara Heima
THANK YOU, KAKUMA-SAN, OOKURA-DONO.
BUT I ONLY GOT THIS JOB BECAUSE OF THE TIMES AT HAND.
HAHAHA, YOU'RE SO HUMBLE, BROTHER.
BUT...
IT SEEMS THE CHOUSHUU SUBJUGATION ISN'T PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.
YES. NEWS CAME IN SAYING THAT THE BAKUFU IS BEING OVERWHELMED BY CHOUSHUU.
JUST WHERE DID THEY GET SUCH POWER? I THOUGHT THEY WERE DYING.

IT'S PRETTY WEIRD FOR SATSUMA TO REFUSE TO DISPATCH TROOPS, CONSIDERING THAT THEY'RE TO CHOUSHUU AS CATS ARE TO DOGS.
IF WE HAD SATSUMA'S FORCES,
THIS WAR WOULD BE EASIER TO HANDLE.


JUST WHERE HAVE THEY GOTTEN ALL OF THEM? THE COUNTRY HAS ALREADY BEEN ORDERED TO CUT ALL TIES WITH CHOUSHUU.
AND FURTHERMORE, CHOUSHUU'S FIREARMS ARE WAY BETTER THAN THE ONES THE BAKUFU USE.

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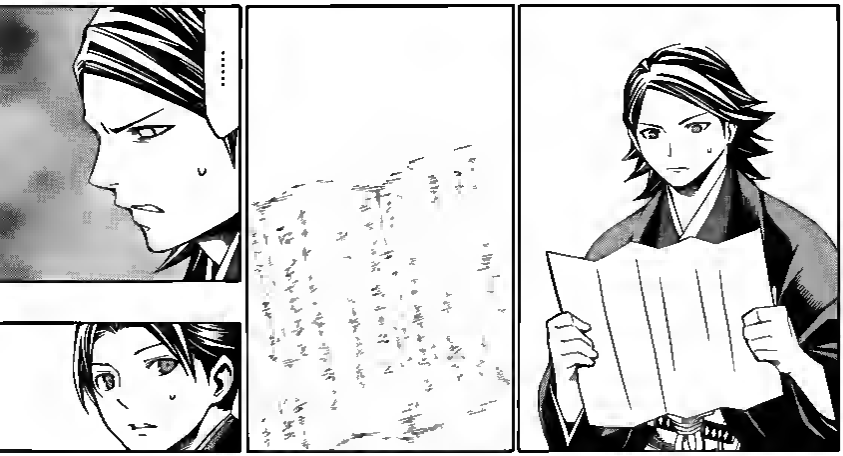
NO WAY...
IF WE ASSUME THAT SATSUMA IS BEHIND IT.
IT ALL BECOMES CRYSTAL CLEAR...

KAKUMA-SAMA.
A LETTER ARRIVED FROM AIZU FOR YOU.
OH.
THANK YOU.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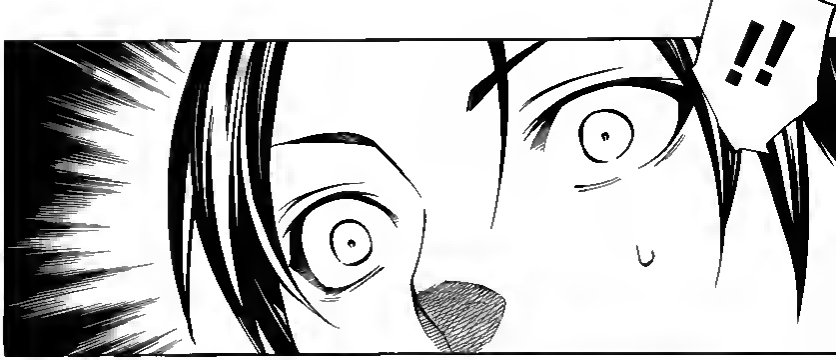
KAKUMA-SAN.
HERE, LET ME READ IT FOR YOU.
AH… I'M SORRY. PLEASE DO.
IT SEEMS TO SAY SOME-THING ABOUT A MAR-RIAGE …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.....?
WHAT IS IT, OOKURA-DONO?

YAE-SAN AND KAWA-SAKI-SENSEI ARE DOING WELL
IT SEEMS THEY ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE NOW.
AH
NOTH-ING

OH!!
YAE'S GOTTEN MARRIED!?
CONGRATULATIONS, KAKUMA-SAN.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

SHOU-SAN... MY FEELINGS FINALLY REACHED YOU.
THANK YOU...!

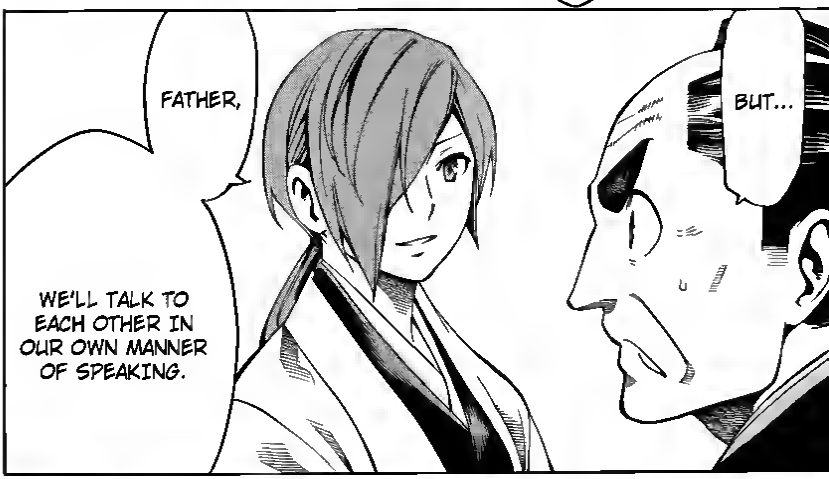
slide

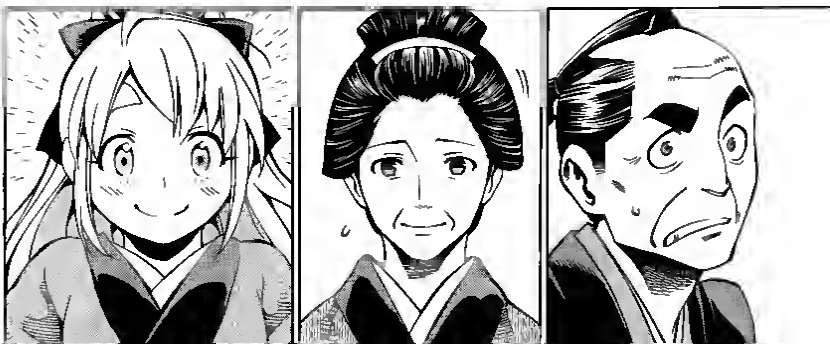
HM?
OOKURA-DONO?

IF IT'S KAWASAKI-SENSEI... THEN I HAVE NO REGRETS.
I'M GLAD...
I'M GLAD FOR YOU, YAE-SAN!
I'M GLAD IT'S LIKE THIS.
HAHAHA!
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
I'M NOT CRYING, BROTHER!
BE HAPPY, YAE-SAN!

WELL THEN,
OFF WE GO.
YES. I PRAY FOR YOUR SAFETY, SHOUNOSUKE-SAMA.
OI, YAE!
YOU'RE SHOUNO-SUKE-DONO'S WIFE NOW!
YOU SHOULD ADDRESS HIM AS "HUSBAND"!
EH...?
O-OKAY!

I-I PRAY FOR YOUR SAFETY,
M-MY HUS-BAND...
IT'S OKAY!
CALL ME WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS CALLED ME!


BUT...
FATHER,
WE'LL TALK TO EACH OTHER IN OUR OWN MANNER OF SPEAKING.



SHOUNOSUKE-SAMA!
COME BACK SAFELY!
Even tradition can't hinder their progress. It's a world exclusive to the two of them